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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. FAR REACHING ECONOMIC DECISIONS MADE THIS WEEK BY AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INCLUDED ABANDONMENT OF PROPOSED CAPITAL GAINS TAX AND SUBSTANTIAL SALES TAX REDUCTIONS ON AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED CARS. RESULTING \$A300-700 PRICE DROP HOPED TO BOOST SALES.

2. PROPOSED VISIT BY FIVE PLO DELEGATES VETOED BY NARROW CABINET MAJORITY.

3. NATIONAL TIMES FEATURED FULL-PAGE INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR GREEN WHEREIN AMBAADOR SAYS AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDE ON RESOURCES DIPLOMACY IS VERY RESPONSIBLE AND THERE IS NOW BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND AUSTRALIA.

4. TWO THOUSAND COPIES OF USIS BACKGROUNDER ON ERTS-2 LAUNCHING ENCLOSED WITH PLENARY DOCUMENTATION FORWARDED TO EACH ANZAAS DELEGATE TO THIS WEEK'S CONFERENCE IN CANBERRA.

5. FORTY COPIES ACHESON'S "PRESENT AT THE CREATION" PRESENTED TO UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND. TEN ALREADY PLACED IN UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY, AND MUCH APPRECIATED.

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YM USIS INSPECTORS SOUTHARD AND URIBE DEPART FOR

MELBOURNE JANUARY 30 FOLLOWING FOUR-DAY VISIT TO USIS
CANBERRA.

7. USIS SYDNEY PROVIDED FILM 'CALIFORNIA' FROM TOURIST
FILM PACKAGE 'THE FAR WEST' FOR DAILY SHOWING ROTHMAN
THEATRE, SYDNEY SHOWGROUND, JANUARY 24 ONWARDS. ESTIMATED
AUDIENCE BY END EXHIBIT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND.
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